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Our Case No. 5404/11

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Tomorhiro Ohzuru et al.

Serial No. 09/991,066

Filing Date: November 9, 2001

For MULTI-LAYERED ENDLESS BELT,  
MEDIUM CONVEYING BELT  
MADE OF THE SAME,  
PRODUCTION METHOD  
THEREOF, AND FORMING  
APPARATUS THEREOF

Examiner: Sam Chauncua Yao

Group Art Unit No. 1733

Repln. Ref: 01/30/2003 HLE555 0012121800  
DAH:231925 Name/Number:09991066  
FC: 9204 \$1280.00 CR

### PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2). Applicants claim submitted by Preliminary Amendment dated March 8, 2002, inadvertently omitted the required statement regarding publication of an international

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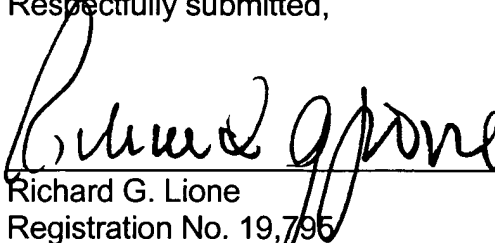
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application. The Third Preliminary Amendment submitted herewith corrects that deficiency.

The required claim was due by March 9, 2002. The delay in filing a corrected claim was unintentional. The requisite petition fee is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard G. Lione", written over a horizontal line.

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